

Assistant Director/Research and Reports

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Chief, Economic Research Area

Activity Report for the Month of January 1958

I. Items of General Interest 25X1A9a

A. On 6 January [REDACTED] presented a paper on "Soviet Economy: Problems and Prospects" as part of a panel discussion at the National War College on the subject "Soviet Economic Problems: Labor Productivity."

B. Preliminary work was begun on the ERA research program for FY '59. Plans are being made to have the program reviewed by a panel of consultants to be convened during the week of 31 March-4 April.

C. The Missions and Functions Statements for all components of the ERA were reviewed and revised.

D. A number of ERA branches participated in the revision of IPC Targets on the USSR.

E. Several branches prepared evaluations of the utility and effectiveness of the translation work done by the Joint Publications Research Service.

F. An evaluation of Special Intelligence material released during the last quarter of 1957 was prepared.

II. Summary of Analysis Division Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January D/A submitted an NIS section on Poland, contributions to two area-wide projects, and one small support project. In addition the Division prepared five evaluations, reviewed one project, participated in the preparation of various current intelligence articles, participated in six briefings and debriefings, and gave assistance in the preparation of a White House briefing on Soviet plans and budgets. The Division also prepared comments on an evaluation of the Polish economy made by [REDACTED]

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III. Summary of Industrial Division Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January D/I submitted three Division-wide projects and one branch project, six contributions to other ERA projects, two small support projects, and three CSM's. In addition, I/GM provided special support to a scientific panel headed by [REDACTED] on problems involved in assessing the comparative status of US and USSR guided missile programs; other branches provided support to AFOM, ACSI and other outside requesters.

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B. Trips

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[REDACTED] visited Joliet Arsenal, Joliet Illinois to observe manufacturing processes for explosives and the loading and assembly of ammunition.

C. Administration

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[REDACTED] clerk-typist, entered on duty with the Office of Chief, D/I. The following professional personnel were detailed to I/GM: [REDACTED],

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IV. Summary of Materials Division Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January D/M completed two NIS sections, submitted contributions to three area-wide projects, and prepared two major support projects, five small support projects and one CSM. The Division also evaluated approximately 40 reports for the DD/I and OO/C.

B. Trips

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[REDACTED] M/Ch, traveled to New York to brief members of the US plastics exchange group to the USSR. [REDACTED] M/FM, and [REDACTED] M/WF, visited Dayton, Ohio to debrief four American scientists who had recently returned from [REDACTED] Chief, M/FM, visited Europe to provide support for COCOM efforts at Paris and [REDACTED]

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C. Administration

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[REDACTED] entered on duty with M/Ag as an Intelligence Officer; [REDACTED] rejoined the Agency and was assigned to M/Ch. [REDACTED] was assigned to M/FP as a clerk-typist.

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V. Summary of Services Division Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January D/S submitted one NIS section, three branch projects, an NIS contribution, five contributions to area-wide projects, three bi-weekly reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc aid to under-developed countries, and the Third Quarterly Report to the Council on Foreign Economic Policy. In addition the Division submitted six small support projects and seven CSM's and provided St/CS with six current support items. The major part of S/TD effort was devoted to intelligence support for formulation of the US position on the international lists for the forthcoming CG and/or COCOM meeting. In addition S/TD provided EDAC WG 1 with intelligence on 11 exceptions requests for shipment of strategic commodities to Poland and on ten other exceptions and redefinition requests, and provided support to EDAC WG 11 on 22 Administrative Action cases.

B. Administration 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [redacted] entered on duty with S/CS; [redacted] were detailed to I/GM; [redacted] was detailed to St/PR; [redacted] 25X1A9a entered on duty with S/TD and [redacted] entered on duty with S/COM. 25X1A9a

VI. Summary of Current Support Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January the following numbers of articles for the indicated OCI publications were prepared or concurred in respectively; CIWR, 15-17; CID, 21-17; CIS/CIB, 12-1; CID, 33-39. In addition, information on 22 subjects was furnished to the Indications Liaison Officer, the National Indications Center, and/or the IAC Watch Committee. St/CS also assisted in the preparation of a HSC briefing on "New Khrushchev Proposal for Soviet Agriculture" and prepared two memoranda for the DD/I and the D/CI. Seven CSM's were published during January.

B. Administration

25X1A9a [redacted] transferred to the Office of the General Counsel; 25X1A9a [redacted] was detailed to I/GM.

VII. Summary of Publications Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January St/PR released 11 reports as follows: four

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RR's, two RA's, one SC/RR, two EIC Biweekly reports, one regular EIC report, and one CREF report. Fourteen reports were edited during the month, 13 were typed, and 11 were sent to reproduction. St/PB/A completed statistical review of seven projects. Four NIS contributions were sent to CBI.

B. Administration

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[REDACTED] entered on duty with St/PB/A as a clerk-typist.

VIII. Planning and Review Staff Activities

A. Accomplishments

During January 17 regular and 17 small support projects were initiated, and 16 regular and 15 small support projects were completed. A time schedule to govern program planning for FY '59 was drawn up, and preliminary work was started on the program. A draft statement concerning highlights of events and ERA activities in 1957 was prepared for use by St/A as part of its preliminary budget submission. An unclassified bibliography of reports issued by the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) during the period 1 January 1953-31 August 1957, which was prepared by a member of the staff, was disseminated to Agency personnel and to other IAC agencies.

B. Administration

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St/PR.

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